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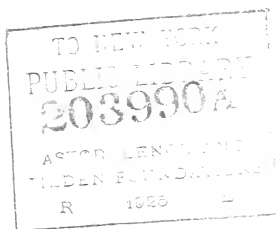
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THE Rules and By-Laws in the Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, originated not in solemn conclave as in ancient Sanhedrim. They were not arbitrary opinions nor dictatorial demands, such as one person might impose on another. They were impelled by a power not one's own, were written at different dates, and as the occasion required. They sprang from necessity, the logic of events, — from the immediate demand for them as a help that must be supplied to maintain the dignity and defence of our cause; hence their simple, scientific basis, and detail so requisite to demonstrate genuine Christian Science, and which will do for the race what absolute doctrines destined for future generations might not accomplish.





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THE SOCIETY OF  
THE NEW WORLD  
BOSTON, MASS.

# Tenets

## of The Mother Church

### The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

*To be signed by those uniting with The First  
Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.*

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God ; — we acknowledge one Christ — His Son Christ Jesus ; the Holy Ghost or the divine Comforter ; and man His divine image and likeness.

3. We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin, and in the understanding that evil and sin are unreal, hence not eternal. But the belief in sin is punished, so long as it lasts.

4. We acknowledge Christ's atonement as the evidence of divine and efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower.

5. We acknowledge that man is saved through Christ — through divine Truth, Life, and Love, as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in the healing of the sick and the overcoming of sin and death. Also, that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection were designed to elevate human faith and understanding to the spiritual perception of the eternal existence of the good and the real in man.

6. We solemnly promise to strive, watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to love one another; and to be meek, merciful, just, and pure.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

## Historical Sketch.

IN the spring of 1879, a little band of earnest seekers after Truth, went into deliberations over forming a church without creeds, to be called the "CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST." They were members of evangelical churches, and students of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, in Christian Science, and were known as "Christian Scientists."

At a meeting of the Christian Scientist Association, April 19, 1879, on motion of Mrs. Eddy, it was voted, — To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing.

Mrs. Eddy was appointed on the committee to draft the Tenets of the Mother Church — the chief cornerstone whereof is, that Christian Science, as taught and demonstrated by our Master, casts out error, heals the sick and restores the lost Israel:

for "the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner."

The charter for the Church was obtained June, 1879, and the same month the members, twenty-six in number, extended a call to Mary Baker G. Eddy to become their pastor. She accepted the call, and was ordained A. D. 1881. Although walking through deep waters, the little Church went steadily on, increasing in numbers, and at every epoch saying,

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

On the twenty-third day of September, 1892, at the request of Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, twelve of her students and church members met and re-organized, under her jurisdiction, the Christian Science Church and named it, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

At this meeting twenty others of Mrs. Eddy's students and members of her former Church were elected members of this Church,—those with others that have since been elected were known as "First Members." The Church Tenets, Rules, and By-Laws, as prepared by Mrs. Eddy, were adopted. A By-Law adopted March 17, 1903, changed the title of "First Members" to "Executive Members." (See Article V, Section 1.)

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THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN BOSTON, MASS., is designed to be built on the rock, Christ; even the understanding and demonstration of divine Truth, Life, and Love, healing and saving the world from sin, and death; — thus to reflect in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant.





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## **Church By-Laws.**



# Church By-Laws.

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## CHURCH OFFICERS.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### NAMES, ELECTION, AND DUTIES.

**Names.** SECTION 1. The Church officers shall consist of a President, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and two Readers.

**President.** SECT. 2. The President shall be elected, subject to the approval of the Pastor Emeritus, by the Board of Directors,<sup>1</sup> on Monday preceding the annual meeting of the Church. The President shall hold office for one year; and the same person is eligible for election but once in three years.

**Clerk and Treasurer.** SECT. 3. The term of office for the Clerk and the Treasurer of this Church (also for the editors and the manager

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<sup>1</sup> See under "Deed of Trust" for incorporation of the "Christian Science Board of Directors."

of The Christian Science Publishing Society, and the manager of the general Publication Committees, in Boston) is one year each, dating from the time of election to the office. Incumbents who have served one year or more can be re-elected, or new officers elected, at the annual meeting held for this purpose, by a unanimous vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors and the consent of the Pastor Emeritus given in her own handwriting.

**Readers.** SECT. 4. Every third year new Readers shall be elected for the Mother Church by the Board of Directors, who shall inform the Pastor Emeritus of the names of their candidates before they are elected, and if she objects to their nomination, said candidates shall not be chosen. The Directors shall fix the salaries of the Readers.

**Directors.** SECT. 5. The Christian Science Board of Directors shall consist of five members. They shall fill a vacancy occurring on that Board after the candidate is approved by the Pastor Emeritus. A majority vote or the request of Mrs. Eddy shall dismiss a member. Members shall neither report the discussions of this Board, nor those with Mrs. Eddy.

**Publishing Buildings.** SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of the Christian Science Board of Directors to provide a suitable building for the publication of *The Christian Science Journal*, *Christian Science Sentinel*, *Der Christian Science Herold*, and all other Christian Science literature published by the Christian Science Publishing Society. It shall also be the duty of the Christian Science Board of Directors to provide suitable rooms conveniently and pleasantly located in the same building for the publication, and sale, of the books of which Mary Baker G. Eddy is, or may be, the author, and other literature connected therewith.

**No Trusteeships nor Syndicates.** SECT. 7. No Board of Trustees, nor Syndicates, shall ever be formed by, or between, the members of this Church, or shall exist in the Mother Church, except the Trusteeship be constituted by the Pastor Emeritus.

**Duties of Church Officers.** SECT. 8. Law constitutes government, and disobedience to the laws of the Mother Church must ultimate in annulling its Tenets and By-Laws. Without a proper system of government and form of action, nations, individuals, and religion are un-

protected; hence the necessity of this By-Law and the warning of Holy Writ: "That servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

It is the duty of the Christian Science Board of Directors to watch and make sure that the officers in this Church perform the functions of their several offices promptly and well. If an officer fails to fulfil all the obligations of his office, the Board of Directors shall immediately call a meeting and notify this officer either to resign his place or to perform his office faithfully; then failing to do either, said officer shall be dismissed from this Church, and his dismissal shall be written on the Church records.

It is the duty of any member of this Church, and especially of one who has been or who is the First Reader of a church, to inform the Board of Directors of the failure of the Publication Committee, or of any other officer in this Church to perform his official duties. A Director shall not make known the name of the complainant.

If the Christian Science Board of Directors fail to fulfil the requirements of this By-Law,



and a member of this Church, or the Pastor Emeritus shall complain thereof to the Clerk and the complaint be found valid, the Directors shall resign their office or perform their functions faithfully. Failing to do thus, the Clerk of this Church shall call a meeting of the Executive Members, and their two-thirds vote, with the consent of the Pastor Emeritus, shall elect five suitable members of this Church to fill the vacancy. The salary of the Board of Directors shall be at present one thousand dollars each annually.

## ARTICLE II.

### DUTIES OF CLERK.

**Reading Communications.** SECTION 1. When the Pastor Emeritus sends a letter or message to the Clerk of the Mother Church, to be read at a meeting of the Executive Members, it shall be his imperative duty to read said communication at the place and time specified.

**Understanding Communications.** SECT. 2. If the Clerk of this Church shall receive a communication from the Pastor Emeritus which he does not fully understand, he shall inform her of this fact before presenting it to the Church,

and obtain a clear understanding of the matter, — then act in accordance therewith.

### ARTICLE III.

#### READERS OF MOTHER CHURCH.

**Election.** SECTION I. The Readers for the Mother Church shall be a male and a female, one to read the BIBLE, and one to read SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

**Eligibility.** SECT. 2. The Directors shall select intelligible readers who are exemplary Christians and good English scholars, to read in Church. They must be members of this denomination, and Executive Members of this Church.

**First Reader's Residence.** SECT. 3. Unless Mrs. Eddy requests otherwise, the First Reader of the Mother Church shall occupy, during his term of Readership, the house of the Pastor Emeritus, No. 385 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. The Board of Directors shall pay from the Church funds the taxes and rent on this property, they shall attend to the insurance before it expires, suitably furnish the house, and keep the property in good repair so long as Mrs.

Eddy does not occupy the house herself, and the occupants are satisfactory to her.

## ARTICLE IV.

### DUTIES OF READERS.

**Moral Obligations.** SECTION 1. The Readers must devote a suitable portion of their time to preparation for reading the Sunday lesson,—a lesson on which the prosperity of Christian Science largely depends. They must keep themselves unspotted from the world,—uncontaminated with evil,—that the mental atmosphere they exhale shall promote health and holiness, even that spiritual *animus* so universally needed.

**First Reader's Duties.** SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the First Reader to conduct the principal part of the Sunday services, and the Wednesday evening meetings.

**Suitable Selections.** SECT. 3. The First Reader reads, as a part of the Wednesday evening services, selections from the SCRIPTURES, and from SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

**Order of Reading.** SECT. 4. The first Readers in the Christian Science churches shall read

the correlative texts in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES; and the second Readers shall read the BIBLE texts. The readings from the SCRIPTURES shall precede the readings from SCIENCE AND HEALTH. The Readers shall not read from copies or manuscripts, but from the books.

**Naming Book and Author.** SECT. 5. The Reader of SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, before commencing to read from this book, shall distinctly announce its full title and give the author's name. Such announcement shall be made but once during the lesson.

**Readers in Branch Churches.** SECT. 6. These Readers shall read well and be well educated. They shall make no remarks explanatory of the LESSON-SERMON at any time; but they shall read all notices and remarks that may be printed in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE QUARTERLY. This By-Law applies to Readers in all the branch churches.

**Enforcement of By-Laws.** SECT. 7. It shall be the duty of every member of the Mother Church, who is a first Reader in a Church of Christ, Scientist, to enforce the discipline and by-laws of the church over which he presides.

## EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

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### ARTICLE V.

#### TITLE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND NUMBER.

**Title.** SECTION 1. The members known as First Members prior to March 17, 1903, from and after this date shall bear the title and be known as Executive Members of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

**Qualifications.** SECT. 2. The Executive Members of this Church shall be persons who have proven themselves, in successive years, strict adherents to the doctrines and practice inculcated and set forth in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

**Number.** SECT. 3. If the Executive Members become less than fifty in number, they shall regain this number. Their number shall not exceed one hundred.

**Residence.** SECT. 4. The Executive Members, who are residents of the United States, shall reside within five hundred miles of Boston, Mass.

## ARTICLE VI.

## TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AND ELECTION.

**Church Business.** SECTION 1. The business of the Mother Church shall be transacted by its Christian Science Board of Directors.

The Executive Members of this Church shall continue to convene annually at the Communion season, but they shall not be present at the business meetings.

**Nomination and Election.** SECT. 2. Members of this Church can become Executive Members after a letter is received by the Christian Science Board of Directors from the Pastor Emeritus, requesting them to make the persons Executive Members; and they shall be elected by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

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### ARTICLE VII.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

**Believe in Christian Science.** SECTION 1. To become a member of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., the applicant must be a believer in the doctrines of Christian Science, according to the platform and teaching contained in the Christian Science textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy. The BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH (with other works by its author), must be his only textbooks for self-instruction in Christian Science, and for teaching and practising metaphysical healing.

**Free from Other Denominations.** SECT. 2. This Church will receive a member of another Church of Christ, Scientist, but not a church-member from a different denomination, until that membership is dissolved.

**Children when Twelve Years Old.** SECT. 3. Children who have arrived at the age of twelve years, who are approved by, or whose applications are countersigned by one of Mrs. Eddy's loyal students, by an Executive Member, or by a Director, may be admitted to membership with the Mother Church.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

**Students of the College.** SECTION 1. Applications for membership with the Mother Church from students of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, who studied with Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, shall be signed by the Christian Science Board of Directors, as recommendation of the loyalty of the applicants.

**Other Students.** SECT. 2. Applicants for membership who have not studied Christian Science with Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy can unite with this Church only by approval from students of Mrs. Eddy, loyal to the teachings of the text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES; or from members of the Mother



Church, as provided in Article IX, Sect. 2, of these By-Laws.

**Students' Pupils.** SECT. 3. Applications for membership with the Mother Church, coming from pupils of loyal students who have taken the Primary or Normal Course at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or from pupils of those who have passed an examination by the Board of Education, shall have the approval and signature of their teachers, excepting in such cases as are provided for in Article VIII, Sect. 4.

**Exceptional Cases.** SECT. 4. Loyal Christian Scientists whose teachers are deceased, absent, or disloyal, — or those whose teachers, for insufficient cause, refuse to indorse their applications for membership with the Mother Church, — can apply to the Clerk of this Church, and present to him a recommendation signed by three members thereof in good standing. After which, the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors may admit said applicant to membership.

**Addressed to Clerk.** SECT. 5. All applications for membership must be addressed to the Clerk of the Church.

**Notice of Rejection.** SECT. 6. If an applica-

tion for membership with The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., is rejected, the Clerk of the Church shall send to the applicant a notice of such rejection; but neither the Clerk nor the Church shall be obliged to report the cause therefor.

## ARTICLE IX.

### RECOMMENDATION AND ELECTION.

**Pupils of Normal Students.** SECTION 1. One normal student cannot recommend the pupil of another normal student, so long as both are loyal to their teacher, and to the Christian Science textbook.

**Members of Mother Church.** SECT. 2. Only members of the Mother Church are qualified to approve for membership, individuals who are known to them to be Christians, and faithful, loyal students of the textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES. If the approver is not a loyal student of Mrs. Eddy, a Director of this Church, an Executive Member, or a student of the Board of Education, the application must be countersigned by one of these.

**Election.** SECT. 3. Applicants for membership in this Church, whose applications are correctly prepared, shall be elected by majority vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors at their semi-annual meetings held for this purpose.

## ARTICLE X.

### DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

**Per Capita Tax.** SECTION 1. Every member of the Mother Church shall pay annually a per capita tax of not less than one dollar, which shall be forwarded each year to the Church Treasurer.

**Church Periodicals.** SECT. 2. It shall be the privilege and duty of every member who can afford it, to subscribe for the periodicals which are the organs of this Church; and it shall be the duty of the Directors to see that these periodicals are ably edited, and kept abreast of the times.

**Duty to Patients.** SECT. 3. If a member of this Church has a patient that he does not heal, and whose case he cannot fully diagnose, he may consult with an M.D. on the anatomy involved. And it shall be the privilege of a Chris-

tian Scientist to confer with an M.D. on Ontology, or the Science of being.

## ARTICLE XI.

### PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP.

**Members who once Withdrew.** SECTION 1. Individuals who have heretofore been members of this Church, or were members of the Church of Christ, Scientist, organized in 1879 by Mary Baker G. Eddy, but who have voluntarily withdrawn, may be received into this Church on one year's probation, provided they are willing and anxious to live according to its requirements, and make application for membership according to its By-Laws. If, at the expiration of said one year, they are found worthy, they shall be received into full membership, but if not found worthy their applications shall be void.

**Members once Dismissed.** SECT. 2. A full member, or a probationary member, who has been excommunicated once, and afterwards, when sufficient time has elapsed to thoroughly test his sincerity, gives due evidence of having genuinely repented and of being radically re-

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formed, shall be eligible to probationary membership, upon a unanimous vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors.

**Ineligible for Probation.** SECT. 3. If a member has been twice notified of his excommunication, he shall not again be received into this Church.

## MEETINGS.

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### ARTICLE XII.

#### REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

**Annual Meetings.** SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Mother Church shall be held annually, on the Tuesday following the Communion Sunday in June of each year. These assemblies shall be for the purpose of listening to the reports of Treasurer, Clerk, and Committees, and general reports from the Field.

**Meetings of Board of Directors.** SECT. 2. The annual meeting of the Christian Science Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers, and other business, shall be held on Monday preceding the annual meeting of the Church. Regular meetings for the purpose of electing candidates to membership with the Mother Church, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before these meetings, will be held on the Tuesday preceding the Communion Sunday in June, and on the first Tuesday in November of each year, beginning June, 1901. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the Clerk.

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**Annual Meetings of Executive Members.**

SECT. 3. The regular meetings of the Executive Members shall be held annually, on the Saturday preceding the Communion Sunday in June of each year.

**Special Meetings.** SECT. 4. Special meetings of the Executive Members shall be called by the Clerk, upon a request from our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy. For this purpose he is authorized to use the mail service, also the telegraph and telephone wires if necessary.

**Called Only by Clerk.** SECT. 5. A member of the Mother Church, who is not the Clerk thereof, shall not appoint a meeting of the Executive Members. Only the Clerk appoints said meetings, and in accordance with the By-Laws of this Church. Before calling a meeting of the members of this Church (excepting its regular sessions), it shall be the duty of the Clerk to inform the Board of Directors and the Pastor Emeritus thereof, and to state definitely the purpose for which the members are to convene. The Clerk must have the consent of this Board and the Pastor Emeritus, before he can call said meeting.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

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### ARTICLE XIII.

#### THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PASTOR.

**Ordination.** SECTION 1. I, Mary Baker G. Eddy, ordain the BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, Pastor over the Mother Church,—The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.,—which will continue to preach for this Church and the world.

**The Lesson-Sermon.** SECT. 2. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon in the morning service of the Mother Church, and of the branch Churches of Christ, Scientist, shall be repeated at their second service on Sunday. The correlative Biblical texts in the Lesson-Sermon shall extend from Genesis to Revelation.

**Date of Communion.** SECT. 3. The Communion shall be observed by this Church annually on the second Sunday in June of each year.



## ARTICLE XIV.

## READING IN PUBLIC.

**Announcing Author's Name.** SECTION I. To pour into the ears of listeners the sacred revelations of Christian Science indiscriminately, or without characterizing their origin and thus distinguishing them from the writings of authors who think at random on this subject, is to lose some weight in the scale of right thinking. Therefore it is the duty of every member of this Church when publicly reading or quoting from the books or poems of our Pastor Emeritus, to first announce the name of the author. Members shall also instruct their pupils to adopt the aforementioned method, for the benefit of our Cause.

## ARTICLE XV.

## WELCOMING STRANGERS.

**The Leader's Welcome.** SECTION I. Mrs. Eddy welcomes to her seats in the Church, people of whatever sect or denomination who come to listen to the Sunday sermon, and are not otherwise provided with seats.

**The Local Members' Welcome.** SECT. 2. It shall be the duty and privilege of the local members of the Mother Church to give their seats, if necessary, to strangers who may come to attend the morning services.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### SERVICES UNINTERRUPTED.

**Continued Throughout the Year.** SECTION 1. The services of the Mother Church shall be continued twelve months each year. One meeting on Sunday during the months of July and August, is sufficient. A Christian Scientist is not fatigued by prayer, by reading the Scriptures or the Christian Science textbook. Amusement, or idleness, is weariness. Truth and Love rest the weary and heavy laden.

## GUARDIANSHIP OF CHURCH FUNDS.

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### ARTICLE XVII.

#### **Church Edifice a Testimonial. SECTION 1.**

Whereas, on March 20, 1895, the Christian Science Board of Directors, in behalf of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., presented to Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy their church edifice as a Testimonial of this Church's love and gratitude; and she, with grateful acknowledgments thereof, declined to receive this munificent gift; she now understands the financial situation between the Christian Science Board of Directors and said Church to be as follows:—

**Financial Situation. SECT. 2.** The Christian Science Board of Directors own the church edifices, with the land whereon they stand, legally; and the church members own the aforesaid premises and buildings, beneficially. After the first Church was built, the balance of the building funds which remained in the hands of the Directors, belonged to the Church, and not solely

to the Directors. The balance of the church building funds which can be spared after the debts are paid, should remain on safe deposit, to be hereafter used for the benefit of this Church, as the right occasion may call for it. The following indicates the proper management of the church funds:—

**Report of Directors.** SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Christian Science Board of Directors to have the books of the Church Treasurer audited semi-annually; and to report at the annual church meeting the amount of funds which the Church has on hand, the amount of its indebtedness, and of its expenditures for the last year.

**Finance Committee.** SECT. 4. There shall be a Committee on Finance which shall consist of three Executive Members of this Church in good standing therewith. Its members shall be appointed annually by the Christian Science Board of Directors and with the consent of the Pastor Emeritus. They shall hold quarterly meetings, and keep themselves thoroughly informed as to the real estate owned by this Church, and the amount of funds received by the Treasurer of the Mother Church, who is

individually responsible for said funds. They shall attend to having the books of the Christian Science Board of Directors, and the books of the Church Treasurer, audited annually by an honest, competent accountant. The books are to be audited on May first.

Prior to paying bills against the Church, the Treasurer of this Church shall submit them all to said committee for examination,—and this committee shall decide thereupon by a unanimous vote, and their endorsement of the bills shall render them payable.

If it be found that the church funds have not been properly managed, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer, to be individually responsible for the performance of their several offices satisfactorily, and for the proper distribution of the funds of which they are the custodians.

**God's Requirement.** SECT. 5. God requires wisdom, economy, and brotherly love to characterize all the proceedings of the members of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

**Provision for the Future.** SECT. 6. In case of any possible future deviation from duty, the

Committee on Finance shall visit the Board of Directors, and, in a Christian spirit and manner, demand that each one shall comply with the By-Law of the Church on this subject. If thereafter this Director does not comply therewith, he may be dismissed from office, and the vacancy supplied by the Board.

**Debts and Donations.** SECT. 7. The Mother Church shall not be made legally responsible to pay the debts of individuals except those that are specified in its By-Laws, and donations from this Church shall not be made without the written consent of Mrs. Eddy, the Pastor Emeritus.

## TEACHING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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### ARTICLE XVIII.

#### TEACHERS.

**Motive in Teaching.** SECTION 1. Teaching Christian Science shall not be a question of money, but of morals and religion, healing and uplifting the race.

**Care of Pupils.** SECT. 2. Christian Scientists who are teachers shall carefully select for pupils such only as have good past records, and promising proclivities toward Christian Science. The teacher shall hold himself morally obligated to promote the progress of his pupils, not only during the class term but after it, and to watch well that they prove sound in sentiment and practical in Christian Science. He shall persistently and patiently counsel his pupils in conformity to the unerring wisdom and law of God, and shall enjoin them to habitually study the SCRIPTURES, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

**Defense against Malpractice.** SECT. 3. Teachers shall instruct their pupils how to defend themselves against mental malpractice, and never to return evil for evil, but to know the truth that makes free, and thus to be a law, not unto others, but to themselves.

**Number of Pupils.** SECT. 4. Only the teacher in the Board of Education receives more than thirty pupils and teaches more than one class yearly.

**Associations.** SECT. 5. Teachers' associations shall convene annually; and their pupils shall be guided by the BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH.

**A Single Field of Labor.** SECT. 6. A loyal teacher of Christian Science shall take entire charge of his pupils. He shall neither permit them to join another teacher's class or association, nor shall he join another's association, nor teach a loyal teacher's pupil Christian Science; he shall have but one field for this labor. Pupils may visit each others' churches, and by invitation may attend each others' associations.

**Change of Location.** SECT. 7. To faithfully fulfil the solemn responsibilities of a teacher of



Christian Science, or of a first Reader, the teacher should remain with his own pupils, association, and church. But if, for sufficient cause, or to supply a need of the Pastor Emeritus, he shall permanently change his location, he can carefully select a member of his church to fill the vacancy.

**Caring for Pupils of Strayed Members.**

SECT. 8. A loyal teacher of Christian Science may teach, and receive into his association, the pupils of another member of this Church who has so strayed as justly to be deemed, under the provisions of Article XXV, Sect. 1, not ready to lead his pupils as a Reader or a teacher.

**Teachers must have Certificates.** SECT. 9.

A member of this Church shall not teach pupils Christian Science except he has taken the degree of C.S.B., and will show the certificate thereof.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUPILS.

**Authorized to Teach.** SECTION 1. After a student's pupil has been duly authorized as qualified to be a teacher of Christian Science, he is no longer under the jurisdiction of his former teacher.

**Unqualified to Teach.** SECT. 2. Christian Scientists who have taken no degrees at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, nor passed the examination given by the Board of Education, are not properly prepared for teaching Christian Science.

**Without Teachers.** SECT. 3. Those beloved brethren who are distant from the Mother Church, and whose teachers have left them, can elect Readers of their churches who are ready for this high calling, and continue the meetings of their associations.

## GUIDANCE OF MEMBERS.

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### ARTICLE XX.

**A Rule for Motives and Acts.** SECTION 1. Neither animosity, nor mere personal attachment, should impel the motives or acts of the members of the Mother Church. In Science, divine Love alone governs man; and a Christian Scientist reflects the sweet amenities of Love, in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness, and forgiveness. The members of this Church should daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced, erroneously.

**To Be Read in Church.** SECT. 2. The above Church Rule shall be read in the Mother Church, and in the branch churches, by the First Reader, on the first Sunday of each month. On Communion day the Church Tenets are to be read.

**Christ Jesus the Ensamble.** SECT. 3. He who dated the Christian era, is the Ensamble in

Christian Science. Careless comparison, or irreverent reference to Christ Jesus, is abnormal in a Christian Scientist, and prohibited. When it is necessary to show the great gulf between Christian Science, and theosophy, hypnotism, or spiritualism, do it, but without hard words. The wise man saith, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." However despitely used and misrepresented by the churches or the press, in return employ no violent invective, and do good unto your enemies when the opportunity occurs. A departure from this rule disqualifies a member for office in the Church, or on the Board of Lectureship, and renders this member liable to discipline, and, possibly, dismissal from the Mother Church.

**Daily Prayer.** SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to pray each day: "Thy Kingdom come;" let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!

**Prayer in Church.** SECT. 5. The prayers in Christian Science churches shall be offered for the congregations.

**Alertness to Duty.** SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to daily defend himself against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget, nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his works he shall be judged, — and justified or condemned.

**One Christ.** SECT. 7. In accordance with the Christian Science textbooks, — the BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, — and in accord with all of Mrs. Eddy's teachings, members of this Church shall neither entertain a belief nor signify a belief in more than one Christ, even that Christ whereof the Scripture beareth testimony.

**Good-Will to Men.** SECT. 8. Members shall cherish no ill-will toward men, but in all things they shall strive to emulate the life of our Lord.

**No Malpractice.** SECT. 9. Members will not intentionally or knowingly mentally malpractise, inasmuch as Christian Science can only be practised according to the Golden Rule: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matthew, 7: 12.)

**Charity to All.** SECT. 10. While members of this Church do not believe in the doctrines

of theosophy, hypnotism, or spiritualism, they cherish no enmity toward those who do believe in such doctrines, and will not harm them. But whenever God calls a member to bear testimony to Truth, and to defend the cause of Christ, he shall do it with love and without fear.

**Obedience Required.** SECT. 11. It shall be the duty of the officers of this Church, of the Editors of the *Christian Science Journal*, *Sentinel* and *Der Herold*, of the members of the Publication Committees, of the Trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, and of the Board of Education to promptly comply with any written order signed by Mary Baker G. Eddy that applies to their official functions. Disobedience to this By-Law shall be sufficient cause for the removal of the offending member from either of the above-named departments.

The vacancy shall be supplied by a majority vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors; and the candidate shall be subject to the approval of Mary Baker G. Eddy.

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**DISCIPLINE.**

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**ARTICLE XXI.****COMPLAINTS.**

**Preliminary Requirement.** SECTION 1. No church discipline shall ensue until the requirements according to the Scriptures, in Matthew, 18: 15-17, have been strictly obeyed, unless the By-Law governing a case provides for immediate action.

**Authority.** SECT. 2. The Christian Science Board of Directors have power to discipline, place on probation, remove from membership, or to excommunicate members of the Mother Church. Only the members of this Board shall be present at meetings for the examination of complaints against church members; and they alone shall vote on cases involving the Mother Church discipline.

**Members in Mother Church Only.** SECT. 3. A complaint against a member of the Mother Church, *if said member belongs to no other church*, and if this complaint is not for *mental malpractice*, shall be laid before this Board, and

within thirty days thereafter, the Clerk of the Church shall address a letter of inquiry to the member complained of, as to its validity. If the previous Christian character of the accused member is good, his reply to the Clerk contradicting the accusations, or his confession of the error whereof he is accused, and evidence of compliance with our Church Rules, shall be sufficient on behalf of said member for the Board to dismiss the subject, for once, and the Clerk of the Church shall immediately so inform him. Also the complainant shall cease to speak ill of him, or be subject to discipline and dismissal from this Church.

**Removal of Cards.** SECT. 4. No cards shall be removed from our periodicals except by a majority vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors, at a meeting held for this purpose, or for the examination of complaints.

**Members in Branch Churches.** SECT. 5. A member of both the Mother Church and a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, or the Reader, shall not report nor send notices to the Mother Church, nor to the Pastor Emeritus, of errors of the members of their local church, nor of offenses and growing evils in their precincts; but he shall



strive to overcome them there. Each church shall separately and independently discipline its own members,—if this sad necessity occurs.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### RELATION OF MEMBERS TO PASTOR EMERITUS.

**The Title of Mother Changed.** SECTION 1. In the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, loyal Christian Scientists had given to the author of their textbook, the Founder of Christian Science, the individual, endearing term of Mother. At first Mrs. Eddy objected to being called thus, but afterwards consented on the grounds that this appellative in the Church meant nothing more than a tender term such as sister, or brother. In the year nineteen hundred and three, owing to the public misunderstanding of this name, it is the duty of Christian Scientists to drop the word *mother*, and to substitute Leader, already used in our periodicals.

**Working Against the Cause.** SECT. 2. If a member of this Church shall, mentally or otherwise, persist in working against the interests of another member, or the interests of our Pastor Emeritus and the accomplishment of what she

understands is advantageous to this Church and to the cause of Christian Science; or shall influence others thus to act, — upon her complaint or the complaint of a member for her or for himself, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors immediately to call a meeting, and drop forever the name of this member from the roll of Church membership.

**No Unchristian Conduct.** SECT. 3. If a member of this Church were to treat the author of our textbook disrespectfully, and cruelly, upon her complaint, that member should be excommunicated. If a member, without her having requested the information, shall trouble her on subjects unnecessarily, and without her consent, it shall be considered an offense.

**Not to Learn Hypnotism.** SECT. 4. Members of this Church shall not learn hypnotism, on penalty of being excommunicated from this Church. No member shall enter a complaint of mental malpractice for a sinister purpose. If the author of SCIENCE AND HEALTH shall bear witness to the offense of mental malpractice it shall be considered a sufficient evidence thereof.

**Reading and Attesting Letters.** SECT. 5. When a letter or a message from the Pastor

Emeritus is brought before a meeting of this Church, or she is referred to as authority for business, it shall be the duty of the Church to inquire if all of the letter is read, and to require all of it to be read; also to have any authority supposed to come from her satisfactorily attested.

**Unauthorized Reports.** SECT. 6. Members of this Church shall not report on authority an order from Mrs. Eddy that she has not especially sent, either to the Boards, or to the executive body of this Church. The Pastor Emeritus is not to be consulted on cases of discipline, or the cases of candidates for admission to this Church, or for dismissal from it.

**Interpreting Communications.** SECT. 7. If at a meeting of this Church, in their deliberations, a doubt or disagreement shall arise among the members as to the signification of her communications to them, before action is taken, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to report to her the vexed question and to await her explanation thereof.

**Unauthorized Legal Action.** SECT. 8. A member of this Church shall not employ an at-

torney, nor take legal action on a case not provided for in its By-Laws — if said case relates to the person or to the property of Mary Baker G. Eddy — without having personally conferred with her on said subject.

**No Adulterating Christian Science.** SECT. 9. A member of this Church shall not publish quotations from Mary Baker G. Eddy's copyrighted works, without giving the name of the author. This remonstrance has become unavoidable, not only to call more serious attention to the commandment of the Decalogue, but to prevent Christian Science from being *adulterated*.

**Opportunity for Serving the Leader.** SECT. 10. At the written request of our Pastor Emeritus, Mrs. Eddy, for assistance, the Board of Directors shall immediately notify the member of this Church whom she selects, to go within ten days to her, and to remain if needed twelve months consecutively, and it shall be the duty of this member to comply therewith. Members who leave her in less time and when she needs them, are liable to have their names dropped from the Church.

These assistants of the Pastor Emeritus shall be paid semi-annually at the rate of twelve hun-

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dred dollars yearly, in addition to rent, board, and traveling fare for the round trip.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### READERS.

**In the Mother Church.** SECTION 1. If a Reader in the Mother Church be found at any time inadequate or unworthy, he or she shall be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and the consent of the Pastor Emeritus, and the vacancy supplied.

**A Reader not a Leader.** SECT. 2. The Church Reader shall not be a Leader, but he shall maintain the Tenets, Rules, and discipline of the Church. A Reader shall not be a President of a church.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

## EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

**Honesty Requisite.** SECTION 1. No person shall be elected nor remain an Executive Member, against whom another of these members brings positive proof of his dishonesty in business, or of his dishonest deportment in any department of Christian Science.

**Disobedience Dealt With.** SECT. 2. If one Executive Member knows that another is disobeying the above By-Law, it is his duty to immediately tell him his fault, rebuke, and exhort him. Then, if he continue to break the By-Law, a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called within seven days, and his name erased from the list of Executive Members.

## ARTICLE XXV.

## TEACHERS.

**Probation.** SECTION 1. For sufficient reasons it may be decided that a teacher has so strayed as not to be fit for the work of a Reader in Church, or a teacher of Christian Science. Although repentant and forgiven by the Church,

and retaining his membership, this weak member shall not be counted loyal till after three years of exemplary character. Then the Board of Directors may decide if his loyalty is proven by uniform maintenance of the life of a consistent, consecrated Christian Scientist.

**Misteaching.** SECT. 2. If a member of this Church is found trying to practise or to teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to admonish that member according to Article XXI, Sect. 1. Then, if said member persists in this offense, his or her name shall be dropped from the roll of this Church.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

### MEMBERS.

**Departure from Tenets.** SECTION 1. If a member of this Church shall depart from the Tenets, and be found having the name without the life of a Christian Scientist, and another member in good standing shall from Christian motives make this evident, a meeting shall be

called, and that member placed on probation, or dropped from the roll of membership.

**Violation of By-Laws.** SECT. 2. A member who is found violating any of the By-Laws or Rules herein set forth, shall be admonished in consonance with the Scriptural demand in Matthew, 18: 15-17; and if he neglect to accept such admonition he shall be placed on probation, or if he repeat the offense, his name shall be dropped from the roll of Church membership.

**Illegal Adoption.** SECT. 3. No person shall be a member of this Church, who claims a spiritually adopted child; or a spiritually adopted husband, or wife. There must be legal adoption, or legal marriage, which can be verified according to the laws of our land.

**Violation of Christian Fellowship.** SECT. 4. Any member who shall unjustly aggrieve or vilify the Pastor Emeritus, or another member, or who does not live in Christian fellowship with members who are in good and regular standing with this Church, shall either withdraw from the Church, or be excommunicated.

**Formulas Forbidden.** SECT. 5. No member shall use written formulas, or permit his patients or pupils to use them, as auxiliaries to teach-



ing Christian Science, or for healing the sick. Whatever is requisite for either is contained in the books of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Sometimes she may strengthen the faith by a written text as no one else can.

**Forbidden Membership.** SECT. 6. A member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall not be a member of any church whose Readers are not Christian Scientists and members of the Mother Church.

**Officious Members.** SECT. 7. A member of the Mother Church is not entitled to hold office, or read in branch churches of this denomination, except by invitation.

**Uncharitable Publications.** SECT. 8. A member of this Church shall not publish, nor cause to be published, an article that is uncharitable or impertinent towards religion, medicine, the courts, or the laws of our land.

**Legal Titles.** SECT. 9. Students of Christian Science must drop the titles of Reverend, and Doctor, except those who have received these titles under the *laws* of the *State*.

**Practitioners and Patients.** SECT. 10. A member of the Mother Church shall not, under

pardonable circumstances, sue his patient for recovery of payment for said member's practice, on penalty of discipline and liability to have his name removed from membership. Also he shall reasonably reduce his price in chronic cases of recovery, and in cases where he has not effected a cure. A Christian Scientist is a humanitarian; he is benevolent, forgiving, long-suffering, and seeks to overcome evil with good.

**No Incorrect Literature.** SECT. 11. A member of this Church shall neither buy, sell, nor circulate Christian Science literature which is not correct in its statement of the divine Principle and rules, and the demonstration of Christian Science. Also the spirit in which the writer has written his literature shall be definitely considered. His writings must show strict adherence to the Golden Rule, or his literature shall not be adjudged Christian Science. A departure from the spirit or letter of this By-Law involves schisms in our Church and the possible loss, for a time, of Christian Science.

**Endorsing Applications.** SECT. 12. A member of the Mother Church shall not endorse or countersign an application for membership therewith, until after the blank has been properly filled

out by an applicant. A member who violates this By-Law shall be disciplined.

## ARTICLE XXVII.

### MUSIC IN THE CHURCH.

**Solo Singer.** SECTION 1. If a solo singer in the Mother Church shall either neglect or refuse to sing alone a hymn written by our Pastor Emeritus, that the Board of Directors may have requested her to sing, the salary of this soloist shall be stopped.

**Directors' Privilege.** SECT. 2. If at any time the Christian Science Board of Directors shall request to have sung in the Mother Church either music or words that are not in the Christian Science Hymnal, this request shall be complied with.

## THE MOTHER CHURCH AND BRANCH CHURCHES.

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### ARTICLE XXVIII.

**Local Self-Government.** SECTION 1. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall assume no general official control of other churches of this denomination; and it shall be officially controlled by no other church.

This is the denominational rule of Christian Science. Each Church of Christ, Scientist, shall have its own form of government. No conference of churches shall be held, except the annual conference at the Mother Church in Boston, in June of each year. Let individual intercourse and fellowship be among the members, and let that love continue whereby the brethren may encourage and strengthen one another.

**Titles.** SECT. 2. "The First Church of Christ, Scientist," is the legal title of the Mother Church. Branch churches of the Mother Church may take the title of First Church of Christ, Scientist; Second Church of Christ, Scientist;

and so on, where more than one church is established in the same place; but the article "The" must not be used before titles of branch churches, nor written on applications for membership in naming such churches.

**Mother Church Unique.** SECT. 3. In its relation to other Christian Science churches, in its By-Laws and self-government, the Mother Church stands alone. It occupies a position that no other church can fill; then for a branch church to assume such position, would be disastrous to Christian Science. Therefore, no Church of Christ, Scientist, shall be considered loyal that has branch churches, or that adopts the Mother Church's form of government, except in such cases as are specially allowed and named in this Manual.

**Tenets Copyrighted.** SECT. 4. Branch churches shall not write the Tenets of the Mother Church in their church books, except they give the name of their author, and her permission to publish them, as Tenets of the Mother Church, copyrighted in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

**No Executive Members.** SECT. 5. Branch churches shall not organize with Executive Members, that special method of or-

ganization being adapted to the Mother Church alone.

**Manual.** SECT. 6. Branch churches shall not adopt, print, nor publish the Manual of the Mother Church. See ARTICLE XLII, Sect. 1.

**Organizing Churches.** SECT. 7. A member of this Church who obeys its By-Laws, and is a loyal, exemplary Christian Scientist working in the field, is eligible to form a church, and to have church services conducted by reading the SCRIPTURES and the Christian Science textbook. This member's church shall be acknowledged publicly as a Church of Christ, Scientist, and its members shall be treated as brethren.

**Communion Service.** SECT. 8. The Communion shall be observed in the branch churches on the second Sunday in January and July of each year, and at this service the Tenets of the Mother Church are to be read.

**No Close Communion.** SECT. 9. The Mother Church, and the branch churches, shall not confine their membership to such persons only as have been pupils of their Readers.

**No Duplicate Membership.** SECT. 10. A member of the Mother Church shall not be a member of more than two churches; viz.,

The Mother Church, and one of its branch churches.

**No Impromptu Meetings.** SECT. 11. Neither before nor after the Communion of this Church shall the members immediately hold informal gatherings for testimonial meetings, or receptions in Boston, Mass., or in Concord, N. H. Baptized in the Spirit of Truth and Love, they shall quietly go forth prepared to demonstrate more fully the divine power which heals the sick, and the sinner.

**Laying a Corner Stone.** SECT. 12. No large gathering of people nor display shall be allowed when laying the Corner Stone of a Church of Christ, Scientist. Let this ceremony be simple, prayerful, devout.

**Our Church Edifices.** SECT. 13. The periodicals of our denomination shall not publish descriptions of church edifices. If, as we declare, matter is a mortal dream, nothing, let us not emulate dreams.

## THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

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### ARTICLE XXIX.

**Board of Trustees.** SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees, constituted by a Deed of Trust given by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the Pastor Emeritus of this Church, on January twenty-fifth, 1898, shall hold and manage the property therein conveyed, and conduct the business of "The Christian Science Publishing Society" on a strictly Christian basis, for the promotion of the interests of Christian Science.

**Disposal of Funds.** SECT. 2. The net profits of the business shall be paid over semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Mother Church. He shall hold this money subject to the order of the Christian Science Board of Directors, who are authorized to order its disposition only in accordance with the By-Laws contained in this Manual.

**Vacancies in Trusteeship.** SECT. 3. The Christian Science Board of Directors shall have



the power to declare vacancies in said trusteeship, for such reasons as to them may seem expedient.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur, the Pastor Emeritus reserves the right to fill the same by appointment; but if she does not elect to exercise this right, the remaining trustees shall fill the vacancy, subject to her approval.

**Editors and Manager.** SECT. 4. The term of office for the editors and the manager of The Christian Science Publishing Society is one year each, dating from the time of election to the office. Incumbents who have served one year or more can be re-elected, or new officers elected, by a unanimous vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors, and the consent of the Pastor Emeritus given in her own handwriting.

**Suitable Employees.** SECT. 5. A person who is not accepted by the Pastor Emeritus and the Christian Science Board of Directors as suitable, shall in no manner be connected with publishing her books, nor with editing or publishing *The Christian Science Journal*, *Christian Science Sentinel*, *Der Christian Science Herold*, nor with the Christian Science Publishing Society.

**Periodicals.** SECT. 6. Periodicals which shall at any time be published by the Christian

Science Publishing Society, shall be copyrighted and conducted according to the provisions in the Deed of Trust relating to *The Christian Science Journal*.

**Rule of Conduct.** SECT. 7. No objectionable pictures shall be exhibited in the rooms where the Christian Science textbook is published or sold. No idle gossip, no slander, no mischief-making, no evil speaking, shall be allowed.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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### ARTICLE XXX.

#### ORGANIZATION.

**Officers.** SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Education, under the auspices of Mary Baker G. Eddy, President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, consisting of three members, a president, vice-president, and teacher of Christian Science. Students are received both in the Primary and Normal classes in Christian Science, unless the President provides otherwise, for a space, as in Article XXXII, Sect. 7. Obstetrics will not be taught.

**Election.** SECT. 2. The vice-president and teacher shall be elected annually by the Christian Science Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Pastor Emeritus.

**President not to be Consulted.** SECT. 3. The President is not to be consulted by students on the question of applying for admission to this Board; nor in future, on their course

or conduct. The students can confer with their teachers on subjects essential for their progress.

**Presidency of College.** SECT. 4. Should the President resign over her own signature or vacate her office of President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, a meeting of the Christian Science Board of Directors shall immediately be called, and the vice-president of the Board of Education being found worthy on receiving her approval shall be elected to fill the vacancy.

## ARTICLE XXXI.

### APPLICANTS AND GRADUATES.

**Normal Teachers.** SECTION 1. Loyal students who have been taught in a Primary class by Mrs. Eddy, and have practised Christian Science healing acceptably three years, and who present such credentials as are required to verify this fact, are eligible to receive the degree of C.S.D.

**Qualifications.** SECT. 2. Loyal Christian Scientists' pupils who so desire can apply to this Board for instruction in one class and if they have practised Christian Science healing success-

fully three years and will furnish evidence of their eligibility therefor they can enter the Normal class. All members of this class must be thorough English scholars.

**Certificates.** SECT. 3. Students are examined and given certificates by this Board if found qualified to receive them.

## ARTICLE XXXII.

### ACTION OF THE BOARD.

**Sessions.** SECTION 1. The annual term of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College will open with the Board of Education on the first Wednesday of October, 1903. The session shall continue not less than two weeks. None but the teacher and members of the College shall be present at any of its sessions.

**Special Instruction.** SECT. 2. Not less than three *thorough* lessons, by a *well qualified* teacher shall be given to each Primary and Normal class on the subject of *mental* practice and *malpractice*. One student in the class shall prepare a paper on said subject that shall be read to the class, thoroughly discussed, and understood; then

this paper shall be given to the teacher and he shall not allow it or a copy of it to remain, but shall destroy this paper.

**Signatures.** SECT. 3. The signature of the teacher and of the President of the College shall be on all certificates issued.

**Remuneration.** SECT. 4. The teachers shall be paid for their services a reasonable sum by each pupil. The President shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars annually.

**Free Scholarship.** SECT. 5. The bearer of a card of free scholarship from the President, Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, shall be entitled to a free course in this department on presentation of the card to the teacher of Christian Science.

**Surplus Funds.** SECT. 6. Any surplus funds left in the hands of the Board of Education shall be paid over annually to the Treasurer of the Mother Church.

**Healing Better than Teaching.** SECT. 7. Healing the sick and the sinner with truth, demonstrates what we affirm of Christian Science, and nothing can substitute this demonstration. Neither the Teacher in the Board of Education nor a member of this Church shall teach the Normal course in Christian Science for three

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consecutive years, dating from August 1st, 1903. I recommend, that, during this interval, each member shall strive to demonstrate by his or her practice, that Christian Science heals the sick quickly, and wholly; thus proving this Science to be all that we claim for it. .

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS.

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### ARTICLE XXXIII.

#### ORGANIZATION AND REGULATION.

**Qualification of Members.** SECTION 1. There shall be an Association of Teachers consisting of loyal Christian Scientists who have certificates of the C.S.B. or C.S.D. degree, or of both, from the faculty of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College or Board of Education. Said Association of Teachers shall be established in the United States, Canada, Germany, in London, Great Britain, and Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Annual Meetings.** SECT. 2. The meetings of this Association in the United States shall be held annually, and in alternate order, first in Boston, second in Chicago, third in New York City. A member shall not report what is said or done in the annual meeting.

**Basis for Teaching.** SECT. 3. The teachers



of the Normal class shall teach from the chapter "Recapitulation" in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, and from the Christian Science Platform, beginning on page 330 of said book, and they shall teach nothing contrary thereto. The teachers of the Primary class shall instruct their pupils from the said chapter on "Recapitulation" only.

**Uniformity in Teaching and Practice Required.** SECT. 4. If one or more of the pupils of either a Normal class teacher or of a Primary class teacher shall practise differently from the others, and so depart from the theory and practice which they have been taught, this departure shall be noted and discussed Christianly at the annual meeting, and then acted upon by this body of Teachers. The rule of uniformity in the teaching and practice of Christian Science shall be strictly adhered to by both teacher and pupil. If a pupil persists in disobeying this rule his name shall be dropped from the membership of the Association of Teachers. And if a teacher, after being admonished, continues to disobey said rule, he shall be dismissed from this Association. A two-thirds vote shall admit a member, or dismiss one, from the Association of Teachers, and

when dismissed he shall no longer be regarded as a teacher of Christian Science. He can be reinstated by the Board of Education after he is willing to comply with the rules of the Association of Teachers.

The session of the General Association of Teachers may be held two days, closing daily not later than 6 P. M. The main topics for discussion are, *unity of action*, strict conformity to the Mother Church By-Laws, and to the contents of the chapter on Teaching Christian Science, contained in SCIENCE AND HEALTH.

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## BOARD OF LECTURESHIP.

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### ARTICLE XXXIV.

#### ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES.

**Election.** SECTION 1. This Church shall establish a Board of Lectureship, whose members shall be elected annually by the Christian Science Board of Directors, subject to the approval of Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

**Duty of Lecturers.** SECT. 2. It is the duty of the Board of Lectureship to include in each lecture a true and just reply to public topics condemning Christian Science, and to bear testimony to the facts pertaining to the life of the Pastor Emeritus. Each member shall mail to the clerk of this Church a full copy of the lecture which he considers his best, and purposes most frequently to deliver, before delivering it.

**No Disruption of Branch Churches.** SECT. 3. The Board of Lectureship is not allowed in anywise to meddle with or to disrupt the organiza-

tion of branch churches. The lecturer can invite churches within the city whither he is called, to unite in their attendance on his lecture, and so make for their churches a less lecture fee; but the churches shall decide their action.

**Receptions.** SECT. 4. As a rule there should be no receptions or festivities after a lecture on Christian Science, but there may occur exceptions. If there be an individual who goes to hear and deride truth he should go away contemplating truth; and he who goes to seek truth should have the opportunity to depart in quiet *thought* on that subject.

## ARTICLE XXXV.

### CALLS FOR LECTURES.

**From the Directors.** SECTION I. When the need is apparent, the Christian Science Board of Directors of the Mother Church may call on any member of this Board of Lectureship to lecture at such places and at such times as the cause of Christian Science demands.

**From Branch Churches.** SECT. 2. The branch Churches of Christ, Scientist, through their clerks, may apply to a member of this

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Board of Lectureship for aid, and it shall be granted them.

**From Societies.** SECT. 3. If called for, a member of the Board can lecture for a Society.

**Annual Lectures.** SECT. 4. The Mother Church and the branch churches shall call on the Board of Lectureship annually for one or more lectures.

**Lectures by First Readers.** SECT. 5. Not over three lectures, yearly, should be given by a member of the Board who is a First Reader.

**No Wednesday Evening Lectures.** SECT. 6. The Board of Lectureship shall not appoint a lecture for Wednesday evening.

**Lecture Fee.** SECT. 7. The lecture fee shall be left to the discretion of the lecturer.

**Expenses.** SECT. 8. The lecturer's traveling expenses and the cost of hall shall be paid by the church that employs him.

**Exceptional Cases.** SECT. 9. If a lecturer receive a call to lecture in a place where he sees there is special need, and the local church is unable to meet the expense, he is at liberty to supply that need, and trust to contributions for his fee.

## MISSIONARIES.

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### ARTICLE XXXVI.

**Election.** SECTION 1. The Christian Science Board of Directors shall annually elect seven experienced, competent Christian Scientists for missionary work.

**Work.** SECT. 2. Whenever in their judgment the prosperity of our Cause demands this helping hand, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors, when found necessary, to immediately call a meeting, and by unanimous vote appoint these missionaries to do whatever is needed and required of them,—be it to fill a vacancy, or to spread the gospel of Christian Science, or to correctly propagate this Science in whatever locality it is most needed.

**Compensation.** SECT. 3. While these students are performing missionary labor, they shall receive suitable wages for it, and the money thus appropriated shall be drawn from contributions to the Church, or from the annual Church fund.

## PUBLICATION COMMITTEES.

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### ARTICLE XXXVII.

**In Mother Church.** SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the Mother Church, a Publication Committee, consisting of one loyal Christian Scientist, who resides in Boston, and he shall be the manager of the general Publication Committees throughout the United States and Canada. He shall be elected annually by a unanimous vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors and the consent of the Pastor Emeritus given in her own handwriting; and shall receive from the Mother Church an annual salary, paid quarterly, of not less than five thousand dollars.

**Duties.** SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the member constituting the Publication Committee in whatever state, to correct in a Christian manner any individual's imposition upon the public, any injustice, or mistake as to Christian Science, to Mrs. Eddy, or to a prominent member of this denomination, in the periodicals issued in the

city wherein he resides. This committee shall also be responsible for correcting, as above named, abusive newspaper articles published in his city and state, that have not been replied to by other Scientists, or have been forwarded to him for said purpose; also for reading the *last proof sheet* of the article he has prepared on this subject, having it published according to copy; and for having the papers containing these articles circulated in large quantities, and a copy sent to the Clerk of this Church. It shall also be the duty of the manager of the general Publication Committees to have published in a leading Boston newspaper, each year, the letter sent by this Church from their annual meeting to the Pastor Emeritus.

**In Branch Churches.** SECT. 3. The three largest branch churches in each state of the United States, in Canada, and Great Britain, shall annually and alternately elect a Publication Committee to serve in each of their localities. Each church is not necessarily confined to its own members in selecting this committee, but if preferred can appoint a Publication Committee conveniently adapted therefor, who is in good fellowship with another Church of Christ, Scientist.



This By-Law applies to all states except Massachusetts, in which the Publication Committee is elected only by the Board of Directors of the Mother Church.

**Appointment.** SECT. 4. The Publication Committees shall consist of males generally, each Committee shall be appointed by the first and second Readers of the church employing said Committee. If, prior to its meeting for electing church officers, Mrs. Eddy, the Pastor Emeritus, shall send to the first Reader of a church the name of a candidate for its Publication Committee, this Reader shall appoint said candidate. Or if she shall send a special request to any Publication Committee it shall be carried out by that committee according to her directions.

**Removal from Office.** SECT. 5. If the Publication Committee neglects to fulfil the obligations of his office according to these By-Laws, and this becomes apparent to the Board of Directors, it shall be the duty of the Directors of the Mother Church to immediately hold a meeting and to act upon this important subject in direct compliance with said By-Laws.

The Christian Science Board of Directors of the Mother Church may notify any church of Christ, Scientist, to remove their Publication Committee and to appoint another committee to fill the vacancy. And it shall be the duty of that church to comply with this request.

**Case of Necessity.** SECT. 6. If a suitable male is not obtainable for this Committee, a suitable female shall be elected therefor.

## READING ROOMS.

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### ARTICLE XXXVIII.

**Establishment.** SECTION 1. The churches of the Christian Science denomination shall have one reading room for each church; except where churches are in unity, and so situated that it shall be wise to have their reading room, or rooms, in one building that is centrally located.

**Librarian.** SECT. 2. The individual who takes charge of the Reading Room of the Mother Church shall be elected by the Trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, subject to the approval of Mary Baker G. Eddy. He or she shall have no bad habits, shall have had experience in the field, shall be well educated, and a devout Christian Scientist.

## MARRIAGE.

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### ARTICLE XXXIX.

**A Legal Ceremony.** SECTION 1. If a Christian Scientist is to be married, the ceremony shall be performed by a clergyman who is legally authorized.

## DEBATING IN PUBLIC.

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### ARTICLE XL.

**No Unauthorized Debating.** SECTION 1. A member of this Church shall not debate on Christian Science in public debating assemblies, without the consent of the Board of Directors.

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## CHURCH-BUILDING.

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### ARTICLE XLI.

**Building Committee.** SECTION 1. There shall be a Building Committee consisting of not less than three members, and this committee shall not be dissolved before the new Church edifice is erected, and completed. This committee shall elect, dismiss, or supply a vacancy of its members by a majority vote.

**Designation of Deeds.** SECT. 2. All deeds of further purchases of land for The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall have named in them, all the trusts mentioned in the deeds given by Mr. Albert Metcalf, and Mr. E. Noyes Whitcomb, March, 1903. Also there shall be incorporated in all deeds for land for said Church the phrase "Mary Baker G. Eddy's Church, The Mother Church or The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass."

**The Mother Church Building.** SECT. 3. The edifice erected in 1894 for The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall not be demolished, joined to another building, nor removed from the spot where it was built without the written consent of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

## CHURCH MANUAL.

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### ARTICLE XLII.

**For the Mother Church Only.** SECTION 1. The Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., written by Mary Baker G. Eddy, and copyrighted, is adapted to the Mother Church only. It stands alone, uniquely adapted to form the budding thought, and hedge it about with divine Love. This Manual shall not be revised without the written consent of its author.

**Thirty-third Edition the Authority.** SECT. 2. The Board of Directors, the Committee on Bible Lessons, and the Board of Trustees of this Church shall each keep a copy of the thirty-third edition and subsequent editions of the Church Manual; and if a discrepancy has appeared in any revised edition, these editions shall be cited as authority.

**Amendment of By-Laws.** SECT. 3. No new Tenet or By-Law shall be adopted, nor any Tenet or By-Law amended or annulled, without the written consent of Mary Baker G. Eddy, the author of our textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH.

## Appendix.





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## Special Instructions.

### *Regarding Applications for Church Membership.*

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1. Loyal members of the Mother Church are eligible to approve candidates to unite with this Church.

2. No persons are eligible to countersign applications except loyal students of Mrs. Eddy, Directors, Executive Members, and students of the Board of Education. If an applicant is approved by one of such, his signature at line (a) on the application is sufficient.

3. Those who approve applicants should have applications returned to them after being filled out by the applicants, as required by Article XXVI, Sect. 12, and should compare them with the forms here given, and see that names are legibly written, before sending them to the Clerk of the Church. If not correct, the applicant will be notified, and new applications will

be required, as none will be returned that are not correctly made out. This requirement is to prevent applications being duplicated and the confusion that might result therefrom. It is important that these seemingly strict conditions be complied with, as the names of the members of the Mother Church will be recorded in the history of the Church and become a part thereof.

4. All names, whether of applicants, signers, or countersigners, must be plainly written, and one, at least, of the given names of each, written in full. Initials only of first names will not be received. Women must sign Miss or Mrs. before their names as the case may be.

All names must be written the same in all places where they are required.

## TO APPLICANTS.

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1. In filling out the application blank, one of the Christian names must be written in full. Initials alone will not be received.

2. If the applicant is a married woman she must sign her own Christian name, not her husband's, and prefix her signature with "Mrs; " unmarried women must sign "Miss."

3. There are two regular forms of application. 1. For those who have studied Christian Science with an authorized teacher; 2. For those who have not studied Christian Science with a teacher.

Applicants will find the chief points of these instructions illustrated in Form 1 and Form 2, on pages 106 and 108.

4. Those whose teachers are deceased, absent, or disloyal, or those whose teachers refuse, without sufficient cause, to sign applications (see Art. VIII, Sect. 4), will be furnished special forms on application to the Clerk.

5. When branch churches are designated by number, as First Church, Second Church, etc., the number must be written First, Second, as shown on page 108. The article "the" either capitalized (The), or small (the), must not be used before titles of branch churches. See Article XXVIII, Sect. 2.

6. If the applicant is not a member of a branch church, he should fill out his application in this respect according to the form on page 106.

**Application forms.**

## APPLICATION.

## I.

PROPERLY SIGNED AND ENDORSED, ACCORDING TO  
ARTICLE VIII, SECT. 2.

**FORM I.**

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., is designed to be built on the rock of Christ — Truth and Life — and to reflect the Church Triumphant.

One who is not a member of any church, excepting a branch church of Christ, Scientist, who loves Christian Science, and reads understandingly the Bible, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy, and other works by this author, and who is Christianly qualified and can enter into full fellowship with the Tenets and Rules of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., is eligible to membership.

*To The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston,  
Mass.*

*William B. Johnson, C.S.B., Clerk.*

I hereby make application for membership, and subscribe to the Tenets and the By-Laws of the Church.

My teacher in Christian Science is

.....*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*.....

If you have been taught by a loyal student who has taken a degree at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or by one who has passed an examination by the Board of Education, fill this blank.

## APPLICATION.

I. — (*Continued.*)

PROPERLY SIGNED AND ENDORSED, ACCORDING TO  
ARTICLE VIII, SECT. 2.

**FORM I,**— (*Continued.*)

I am not a member of any church.

Yours in Truth and Love,

Name.....*Mrs. Jennie W. Field, C.S.*.....

Street and Number.....*18 Forest St.*.....

Town or City.....*Chicago*.....

State.....*Ill.*.....

Date.....*Jan. 2nd, 1901.*.....

I cordially approve the applicant.

(a).....*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*.....

Countersigned by.....

## DO NOT DETACH.

TO THE APPLICANT: Name.....*Mrs. Jennie W. Field, C. S.*.....

Please fill out the following for the use of the Treasurer of the Church: Street and Number.....*18 Forest St.*.....

Town or City.....*Chicago*.....

State.....*Ill.*.....

## APPLICATION.

## II.

SIGNED, ENDORSED, AND COUNTERSIGNED, ACCORD-  
ING TO ARTICLE IX, SECT. 2.

**FORM 2.**

One who is not a member of any church, excepting a branch church of Christ, Scientist, who loves Christian Science, and reads understandingly the Bible, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy, and other works by this author, and who is Christianly qualified and can enter into full fellowship with the Tenets and Rules of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., is eligible to membership.

*To The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston,  
Mass.*

*William B. Johnson, C.S.B., Clerk.*

I hereby make application for membership, and subscribe to the Tenets and the By-Laws of the Church. I have not studied Christian Science with a teacher, and am not a member of any church excepting *Second* Church of Christ, Scientist, at *New York, N. Y.*

Yours in Truth and Love,

If you have not been taught by a loyal student who has taken a degree at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or by one who has passed an examination by the Board of Education, fill this blank.



## APPLICATION.

II. — (*Continued.*)

SIGNED, ENDORSED, AND COUNTERSIGNED, ACCORD-  
ING TO ARTICLE IX, SECT. 2.

**FORM 2,**— (*Continued.*)

Name.....*Miss Emma L. French*.....

Street and Number.....*293 Emerson St.*.....

Town or City.....*New York*.....

State.....*N. Y.*.....

Date.....*Jan. 2nd, 1901.*.....

I cordially approve this applicant.

(a).....*Miss Mary E. Grant, C.S.*.....

Countersigned by.....*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*.....

## DO NOT DETACH.

TO THE APPLICANT: Name.....*Miss Emma L. French*.....

Please fill out the following for the use of the Treasurer of the Church: Street and Number.....*293 Emerson St.*.....

Town or City.....*New York*.....

State.....*N. Y.*.....

## Present Order of Services in the Mother Church.

Republished from the *Sentinel*.

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### SUNDAY SERVICES.

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1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Hymn.
3. Reading a Scriptural Selection.
4. Silent Prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation.
5. Hymn.
6. Announcing necessary notices.
7. Reading the explanatory note on first leaf of *Quarterly*.
8. Announcing the subject of the Lesson-Sermon, and reading the Golden Text.
9. Reading the Scriptural selection, entitled "Responsive Reading," alternately by the First Reader and the congregation.

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10. Reading the Lesson-Sermon. (After the Second Reader reads the BIBLE references of the first Section of the Lesson, the First Reader makes the following announcement: "As announced in the explanatory note, I shall now read correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Mary Baker G. Eddy.")

11. Collection and Solo.

12. Hymn.

13. Reading "The scientific statement of being," and the correlative SCRIPTURE according to 1 John, 3: 1-3.

14. Pronouncing Benediction.

The order of Sunday service is sometimes varied by the singing of a selection immediately after the organ voluntary.

On the first Sunday of each month, except on Communion Day, Article XX, Section 1, *A Rule for Motives and Acts*, is to be read.

## COMMUNION SERVICES.

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1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Hymn.
3. Reading a Scriptural Selection.
4. Silent Prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation.
5. Hymn.
6. Announcing necessary notices.
7. Reading Tenets of the Mother Church.
8. Collection and Solo.
9. Reading the explanatory note on first leaf of *Quarterly*.
10. Announcing the subject of the Lesson-Sermon, and reading the Golden Text.
11. Reading the Scriptural selection entitled "Responsive Reading" alternately by the First Reader and the congregation.
12. Reading the Lesson-Sermon. (After the Second Reader reads the BIBLE references of the first Section of the Lesson, the First Reader

makes the following announcement: "As announced in the explanatory note, I shall now read correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Mary Baker G. Eddy.")

13. The First Reader briefly invites the congregation to kneel in silent Communion. This is concluded by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer (spiritual interpretation omitted).

14. Singing the Doxology:

"Be Thou, O God, exalted high;  
And as Thy glory fills the sky,  
So let it be on earth displayed,  
Till Thou art here and now obeyed."

15. Reading "The scientific statement of being" and the correlative SCRIPTURE according to 1 John, 3: 1-3.

16. Pronouncing Benediction.

This is the order of service at the Mother Church, and the branch churches shall adopt this form of service.

The Church Tenets shall be read at the Communion service in the branch churches.

## WEDNESDAY MEETINGS.

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1. Organ Prelude.
2. Hymn.
3. Reading from the BIBLE, and correlative passages from SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.
4. Silent Prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer, its spiritual interpretation being omitted.
5. Hymn.
6. Announcing necessary notices.
7. Experiences, testimonies, and remarks on Christian Science.
8. Closing Hymn.

## Deed of Trust.

*The following is a Copy of the Deed of Trust  
Conveying Land for Church Edifice.*

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That I Mary Baker G. Eddy of Concord in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire in consideration of one dollar to me paid by Ira O. Knapp of Boston, Massachusetts, William B. Johnson of Boston, Massachusetts, Joseph S. Eastaman of Chelsea, Massachusetts, and Stephen A. Chase of Fall River, Massachusetts, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and, also in consideration of the trusts and uses hereinafter mentioned and established, do hereby give, bargain, sell, and convey to the said Ira O. Knapp, William B. Johnson, Joseph S. Eastaman, and Stephen A. Chase as trustees as hereinafter provided and to their legitimate successors in

office forever, a certain parcel of land situate on Falmouth street in said Boston, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the junction of Falmouth street, and a forty-foot street now called Caledonia street; thence running Southwest on said Falmouth street one hundred and sixteen and eighty-eight hundredths feet; thence Northwest at a right angle to a point where a line drawn at right angles to said forty-foot street at a point thereon one hundred and sixteen and fifty-five hundredths feet Northwest from the point of beginning meets the said boundary at right angles to Falmouth street, sixty-six and seventy-eight hundredths feet; thence at an obtuse angle on said line at right angles to said forty-foot street sixty-seven and thirty-five hundredths feet to said forty-foot street; thence Southeasterly on said forty-foot street one hundred and sixteen and fifty-five hundredths feet to the point of beginning; containing seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight square feet more or less, and subject to the agreements and restrictions mentioned in a deed recorded in Suffolk Registry of Deeds Lib. 1719, Fol. 83 so far as the same are now legally operative.



This deed of conveyance is made upon the following express trusts and conditions which the said grantees by accepting this deed agree and covenant for themselves and their successors in office to fully perform and fulfil.

1. Said grantees shall be known as the "Christian Science Board of Directors," and shall constitute a perpetual body or corporation under and in accordance with section one, Chapter 39 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Board the remaining members shall within thirty days fill the same by election; but no one shall be eligible to that office who is not in the opinion of the remaining members of the Board a firm and consistent believer in the doctrines of Christian Science as taught in a book entitled "SCIENCE AND HEALTH," by Mary Baker G. Eddy beginning with the seventy-first edition thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> The deacons, church wardens, or other similar officers of churches or other religious societies. and the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal churches appointed according to the discipline and usages thereof. shall, if citizens of this commonwealth, be deemed bodies corporate for the purpose of taking and holding in succession all the grants and donations, whether of real or personal estate, made either to them and their successors, or to their respective churches, or to the poor of the churches.

2. Said Board shall within five years from the date hereof build or cause to be built upon said lot of land a suitable and convenient church edifice, the cost of which shall not be less than fifty thousand dollars.

3. When said church building is completed said Board shall elect a pastor, reader or speaker to fill the pulpit who shall be a genuine Christian Scientist; they shall maintain public worship in accordance with the doctrines of Christian Science in said church, and for this purpose they are fully empowered to make any and all necessary rules and regulations.

4. Said Board of Directors shall not suffer or allow any building to be erected upon said lot except a church building or edifice, nor shall they allow said church building or any part thereof to be used for any other purpose than for the ordinary and usual uses of a church.

5. Said Board of Directors shall not allow or permit in said church building any preaching or other religious services which shall not be consonant and in strict harmony with the doctrines and practice of Christian Science as taught and explained by Mary Baker G. Eddy in the seventy-

first edition of her book entitled "SCIENCE AND HEALTH," which is soon to be issued, and in any subsequent edition thereof.

6. The congregation which shall worship in said church shall be styled "The First Church of Christ, Scientist."

7. Said Directors shall not sell or mortgage the land hereby conveyed; but they shall see that all taxes and legal assessments on said property are promptly paid.

8. Said church building shall not be removed from said lot except for the purpose of rebuilding thereon a more expensive or a more convenient structure in which said doctrines of Christian Science only shall be preached and practised. If said church building is removed for either of the purposes above set forth, any and all tablets and inscriptions which are or shall be upon said church building at the time of removal shall be removed therefrom and placed upon the walls of the new edifice. If said building is burned, the Directors shall forthwith proceed to rebuild the church.

9. Said Directors shall maintain regular preaching, reading or speaking in said church

on each Sabbath, and an omission to have and maintain such preaching, reading or speaking for one year in succession shall be deemed a breach of this condition.

10. Whenever said Directors shall determine that it is inexpedient to maintain preaching, reading or speaking in said church in accordance with the terms of this deed, they are authorized and required to reconvey forthwith said lot of land with the building thereon to Mary Baker G. Eddy, her heirs and assigns forever by a proper deed of conveyance.

11. The omission or neglect on the part of said Directors to strictly comply with any of the conditions herein contained shall constitute a breach thereof, and the title hereby conveyed shall revert to the grantor Mary Baker G. Eddy, her heirs and assigns forever, upon her entry upon said land and taking possession thereof for such breach.

To Have and to Hold the above granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereon belonging to said grantees and their successors in office to the uses and trusts above described forever.

And the said grantor for herself and her heirs, executors and administrators covenants with the said grantees and their successors in office that she is lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforesaid premises, that they are free from all incumbrances not herein mentioned or referred to, that she has good right to sell and convey the same to the said grantees and their successors in office as aforesaid, and that she will and her heirs, executors, and administrators shall, warrant and defend the same to the said grantees and their successors in office forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Mary Baker G. Eddy have hereto set my hand and seal this 1st day of September, 1892.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

LAURA E. SARGENT.

R. E. WALKER.

September 1st, 1892.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, } ss.  
MERRIMACK.

Then personally appeared the above named Mary Baker G. Eddy and acknowledged the

foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed,

Before me

R. E. WALKER.

*Notary Public.*

September 2, 1892.

SUFFOLK REGISTRY OF DEEDS, Lib. 2081, Fol. 257.

## Deed Conveying Land for Church Purposes.

METCALF to KNAPP *et al Trs.*  
Libro 2886, Fol. 521.

KNOW ALL MEN,

That I, Albert Metcalf, the grantor in a certain deed given to Ira O. Knapp and others dated October 23, 1896, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2591, page 398, do hereby declare that the land conveyed by said deed was conveyed to the grantees therein, as they are the Christian Science Board of Directors, upon the trusts, but not subject to the conditions mentioned in the deed creating said Board given by Mary Baker G. Eddy to Ira O. Knapp and others, dated September 1st, 1892, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2081, page 257. In addition to the trusts contained in said deed of September 1, 1892, from Mary Baker G. Eddy,

this property is conveyed on the further trusts that no new Tenet or By-Law shall be adopted, nor any Tenet or By-Law amended or annulled by the grantees unless the written consent of said Mary Baker G. Eddy, the author of the textbook "SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES," be given therefor, or unless at the written request of Mrs. Eddy the Executive Members of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, (formerly called the "First Members,") by a two-thirds vote of all their number, decide so to do. And that the same inscription which is on the outside of the present church edifice shall be placed on any new church erected on said lot. And in consideration of one dollar to me paid by said Ira O. Knapp, William B. Johnson, Joseph Armstrong and Stephen A. Chase, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby confirm the deed as above mentioned, and do grant and release unto them, their heirs, successors and assigns in trust as aforesaid, the premises therein described.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and three.

ALBERT METCALF. [Seal]



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }  
SUFFOLK } ss. MARCH 20th, 1903.

Then said Albert Metcalf acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me

MALCOLM MCLLOUD.

*Justice of the Peace.*

MARCH 20, 1903, at twelve o'clock and sixteen minutes P. M.

Received, Entered and Examined.

Attest: THOS. F. TEMPLE, *Reg.*

A true copy from the RECORDS OF DEEDS for the COUNTY  
OF SUFFOLK, Lib. 2886, Fol. 521.

Attest: CHAS. W. KIMBALL, *Asst. Reg.*









**This book is under no circumstances to be  
taken from the Building**

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